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TAGS: PEPR EG IS US  
SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS REVIEW: MINISTER OF INTERIOR SAYS  
- EXTREMISTS FAIL TO STIR UP SECTARIAN STRIFE

SUMMARY: IN HIGHLY UNUSUAL MOVE, PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY  
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JANUARY 15 DEBATED INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION, WITH  
PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON INTERCOMMUNAL RELATIONS. JAN 16  
PAPERS HEADLINE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AS SAYING "SOVIET-  
REJECTIONIST-EXTREMIST" PLOT HAS FAILED TO STIR UP  
SECTARIAN SEDITION. COPTIC AND MUSLIM PARLIAMENTARIANS  
DENOUNCE EXTERNAL EFFORTS TO FOMENT UNREST. PAKISTANI  
INTENTION TO COUNTER SOVIET AGGRESSION ALSO FEATURED BY  
PRESS. COVERAGE OF AUTONOMY NEGOTIATIONS REMAINS  
UPBEAT AND BLAND. END SUMMARY.

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1. INTERNAL SECURITY. PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY JANUARY 15 AFFIRM UNITY OF EGYPT'S MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES, DESPITE OUTSIDE ATTEMPTS TO ENCOURAGE SECTARIAN STRIFE. MININT NABAWI ISMAIL REVEALED "SOVIET-REJECTIONIST-EXTREMIST" CAMPAIGN TO DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS AGAINST MUSLIMS AND COPTS. HE ALSO PROVIDED DETAILS OF ARREST IN ALEXANDRIA OF "AL-JIHAD" LEADER, DURING WHICH SECURITY OFFICIAL WAS KILLED. SEVENTY MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, NABAWI SAID, FIVE ARE STILL BEING SOUGHT BY POLICE. PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, INCLUDING OPPOSITION AND COPTS, SPOKE FERVENTLY OF NEED FOR NATIONAL UNITY, WHILE CONDEMNING FOREIGN ATTEMPTS TO UNDERMINE RELIGIOUS ACCORD. EVEN SHEIKH SALAH ABU ISMAIL (CLOSE TO MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD) STRESSED ISLAMIC FAITH PRESCRIBES LOVE, TOLERANCE, AND COOPERATION BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS.

2. AFGHANISTAN. PRESS REPORTS ZIA AL-HUQ'S STATEMENT THAT PAKISTAN WILL PROTECT ITS BORDERS IF SOVIETS ATTACK AFGHAN REFUGEES. PAPERS NOTE ZIA SAID PAKISTAN WILL NOT PROVIDE PRETEXT FOR SOVIET AGGRESSION, AND WILL NOT OFFER MILITARY AID TO INSURGENTS OR INTERVENE IN AFGHANISTAN DIRECTLY. ACCORDING TO AHRAM, NDP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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SECRETARIAT WILL COLLECT DONATIONS FOR AFGHANISTAN, WHILE EGYPTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HAS DECIDED TO DISPATCH MEDICAL TEAMS TO ASSIST REFUGEES.

3. AUTONOMY TALKS. PAPERS SAY EGYPT HAS REPEATED ITS CALL FOR FULL AND AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY FROM MILGOV AND CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATION TO SGA AT OPENING OF LATEST ROUND IN AUTONOMY TALKS. AKHBAR QUOTES P&R WORKING GROUP HEAD ABDUL LATIF AS SAYING EGYPT CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT JERUSALEM BE PART OF SGA. AKHBAR LISTED MAIN POINTS AT ISSUE AS E. JERUSALEM, REFUGEES, COMPOSITION OF ELECTIONS SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE, AND AUTHORITIES OF SGA.

4. OTHER NEWS. (A) PAPERS REPORT SADAT HAS DENIED SUGGESTING PARTITION OF JERUSALEM TO BEGIN, AS REPORTED BY MAARIV. SADAT TOLD REPORTERS JERUSALEM WAS DISCUSSED "ONLY IN GENERAL WAY." (B) PRESS PROMINENTLY REPORTS MUBARAK ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, AND SAYS HE WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE, SECDEF BROWN AND ADM. TURNER OF THE U.S. NAVY (SIC). (C) LIBERIAN ASSISTANT FONMIN, VISITING CAIRO, DELIVERED MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FOR EGYPTIAN PEACE EFFORTS AND DISCUSSED STRATEGY FOR AFRO-ARAB DIALOGUE WITH MINSTATE GHALI. (D) PAPERS CLAIM RUMANIAN PREMIER IS EXPECTED IN CAIRO SHORTLY FOR 4-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO DISCUSS BILATERAL COOPERATION. (E) EDITORIALY, AHRAM AND GUMHURIYYA, COMMENTING ON UNGA RESOLUTION ON AFGHANISTAN, SAY WORLD

MUST TRANSLATE ITS WILL INTO CONCRETE POLITICAL AND  
ECONOMIC SANCTIONS TO STOP SOVIET AGGRESSION. ATHERTON

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